



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Wooster Training Burn

PROJECT LOCATION Portions of SEC 4, 9, 10, T2N, R11E, MDB&M

COUNTY Calaveras

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is proposing the use of a dedicated site for periodic broadcast burning on an annual basis to support fire control training under live-fire conditions. The 282-acre training site is located at the northwest end of the Salt Springs Reservoir, 5 miles east from Milton, CA. This site is occupied by a variety of annual grasses, primarily medusahead grass. Firing activities would utilize various hand firing devices and be strictly limited to the designated burn blocks. Routine fire control training activities would include mobile attack, hand tool use, and progressive hose lay operations while in a controlled environment. All burning will be performed according to the terms and conditions of a burn permit. Control lines will consist of existing roads, dozer line, and hand line, with the reservoir making up the southern perimeter.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 15304
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits the description for a Class 4, §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of low-intensity prescribed fire in annual grasslands. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 785 Mtn. Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

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